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SUBJ: LIKUD POLICY PROPOSALS MAINTAIN HARDLINE APPROACH

1. LIKUD LEADERSHIP IN LAST TEN DAYS HAS TAKEN PUBLIC STAND ON NUMBER OF CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY AND MILITARY ISSUES CONCERNING JORDAN, EGYPT AND SYRIA. MAIN THRUST OF LIKUD PROPOSALS IS GENERALLY MORE HARDLINE THAN POSITIONS ADOPTED BY GOI, REFLECTING CURRENT MOOD AND THINKING OF ISRAELI RIGHT WING.

2. JORDAN. LIKUD PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION DECIDED APRIL 1 TO PROPOSE IN KNESSET THAT A NATIONAL REFERENDUM BE HELD BY END OF JUNE ON FUTURE OF WEST BANK. APPARENTLY, WORDING OF LIKUD PROPOSAL WILL BE ALONG LINES OF FOLLOWING: "ARE YOU FOR ISRAELI RULE IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA?" HERUT LEADER MENAHEM BEGIN STATED THAT NEED FOR REFERENDUM HAD BECOME  
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MORE URGENT IN VIEW OF DAYAN'S REMARKS IN NEW YORK MARCH

30TH THAT HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT ISRAEL COULD START NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN AND MAYBE EVEN WITH THE PALESTINIANS BEFORE THE END OF 1974. LABOR ALIGNMENT AND INDEPENDENT LIBERALS ARE CERTAIN TO BLOCK PASSAGE OF LIKUD PROPOSAL.

3. EGYPT. ARIK SHARON MARCH 28 TOLD LIKUD MEMBERS THAT, IN HIS JUDGMENT, GOI SHOULD SET TIME LIMIT FOR EGYPT TO REMOVE ARTILLERY WHICH IT HAD PLACED IN THINOUT ZONE IN VIOLATION OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. SHARON SAID THAT, IF GOE FAILED TO HONOR AGREEMENT, IDF SHOULD RESTORE STATUS QUO ANTI IN SINAI AND SUEZ CANAL ZONE. SHARON CLAIMED THAT EGYPTIAN VIOLATIONS CONSTITUTED A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL, NOT JUST QUESTION OF CERTAIN NUMBER OF EXCESS CANNON. ISRAEL WAS WITNESSING REPETITION OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED AFTER AUGUST 1970 CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT WHEN EGYPTIANS HAD MOVED THEIR MISSILES FORWARD ON WEST BANK OF CANAL. IF ISRAEL DID NOT RESPOND FORCEFULLY TO CURRENT VIOLATIONS, WORSE TRANSGRESSIONS WOULD FOLLOW.

4. SYRIA. IN KNESSET DEBATE MARCH 21 ON MILITARY SITUATION IN GOLAN HEIGHTS, (TEL AVIV 1676), LIKUD URGED ESCALATION OF IDF RETALIATORY ACTIONS, AND PRESENTED ITS OWN THREE POINT PROGRAM FOR SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT. THE KIKUD PROPOSAL WOULD PROVIDE FOR: A) NO ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL BEYOND 1967 CEASEFIRE LINES; B) COMPLETE PRISONER EXCHANGE; AND C) REMOVAL OF ALL SYRIAN JEWS TO SAFETY. IN REPLYING, DAYAN SARCASTICALLY CRITICIZED LIKUD FOR PROPOSING UNILATEAL IDF WITHDRAWAL ON GOLAN HEIGHTS AFTER ITS ADAMENT OPPOSITION TO WITHDRAWAL IN SINAI.

5. COMMENT. PRONOUNCEMENTS OF LIKUD LEADERS APPEAR TO HAVE TWOFOLD PURPOSE: A) TO KEEP PRESSURE ON GOI NOT TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO ARABS IN CONTEXT OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LIKUD REGARDS AS DETRIMENTAL TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST; AND B) TO APPEAR BEFORE ISRAELI PUBLIC AS SERIOUS GROUP CAPABLE OF FORMULATING ALTERNATE PROPOSALS RATHER THAN SIMPLY AS OPPOSITION BODY VOTING AGAINST GOVERNMENT IN KNESSET. ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THIS APPROACH WAS PRESENTATION OF ALTERNATE BUDGET IN KNESSET DURING CURRENT BUDGET DEBATE. WE BELIEVE THAT LIKUD WILL CONTINUE TO BE RELENTLESS IN ITS CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES, ADAMANT IN PURSUIT OF A MORE INTRANSIGENT

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LINE AND WILLING TO RISK MILITARY CONFRONTATION WITH BOTH SYRIA AND EGYPT AND PERHAPS POLITICAL CONFRONTATION WITH US TO PROTECT WHAT IT PERCEIVES TO BE FUNDAMENTAL ISRAELI INTERESTS.

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